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SUBJECT: LONG AMENDMENT

- 1. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE VOTED MARCH 30 TO REPEAL LONG AMENDMENT REQUIRING U.S. TO VOTE AGAINST IDA LOANS TO INDIA BECAUSE OF INDIA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM.
- 2. ACCORDING TO MARCH 31 WASHINGTON POST STORY (OBERDORFER) SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SEN. HUMPHREY DESCRIBED THE LONG AMENDMENT AS AN INEFFECTUAL MESSAGE TO INDIA TO "DROP DEAD," LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDING THAT "AFTER 2 1/2 YEARS OF DICTATORIAL RULE, INDIA HAS EMERGED IN A FREE ELECTION....WE OUGHT TO ENCOURAGE THIS SORT OF THING RATHER THAN KICK IT (INDIA) AROUND." ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORT HUMPHREY CALLED THE LONG AMENDMENT "AN IMPEDIMENT TO AN IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP" ADDING THAT THE "RATHER IMPORTANT AND FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES" IN INDIA'S GOVERNMENT SINCE THE ELECTIONS WILL LEAD TO "NEW

POLICIES" AND THAT U.S. POLICY SHOULD ADJUST TO THE NEW SITUATION.

- 3. ENTIRE POST STORY WHICH ALSO DEALS WITH BILATERAL AID QUESTION IS CARRIED IN MARCH 31 WIRELESS FILE.
- 4. DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE ON EFFORT TO REPEAL LONG AMENDMENT FOLLOWS:
- Q: WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE EFFORTS TO REPEAL THE LONG AMENDMENT WHICH REQUIRES THE U.S. TO VOTE AGAINST IDA LOANS TO INDIA, (BECAUSE IT EXPLODED A NUCLEAR DEVICE AND IS NOT A NPT MEMBER).
- A: WE OPPOSED THE LONG AMENDMENT WHEN IT WAS PASSED INITI-ALLY AND SUPPORT CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO REPEAL THE MEASURE. WE DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS THE PLACE TO DEAL WITH INDIAN NUCLEAR POLICY, AND THE AMENDMENT ALSO REDUCES OUR ABILITY TO ENSURE THAT LOANS ARE BASED ON SOUND ECONOMIC CRITERIA. EVEN THOUGH WE CONTRIBUTE A THIRD OF IDA FUNDS.

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